ncies is at different stages of progress. The **period of deputation** prescribed in the relevant Recruitment Rules is between 3 to 5 years. Continuation beyond the normal period of deputation is subject to the instructions issued by the Government from time to time.

DESU Losses

1426. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of losses so far incurred by the DESU;

(b) whether it is a fact that pilferage of electricity is one of the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is a large scale pilferage/theft of electricity in Shakarpur of Trans Jamuna area;

(d) whether some cases of pilferage/theft of electricity by the inmates of WB-40, 41 and others were recently brought to the notice of the concerned Zonal Office of DESU; if so, what are the reasons for which the theft/pilferage still continues; and

(e) what effective steps are proposed to be taken to streamline/strengthen the working of the Vigilance Department of DESU to prevent such pilferage/theft in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone facility to Occupational Therapists

1427. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from several associations for providing telephone facilities to the Occupational Therapists; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government and by when such facility is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Representation has been received from The All India Occupational Therapists Association for inclusion of Occupational Therapists under special category for the purpose of registration of their applications for telephone connections. No decision has yet been taken in the matter.

Recruitment of Group 'A' posts in the Ministry of Communications

1428. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of vacancies in Group 'A' for direct recruitment which were announced for the years 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 and what is the number of vacancies for the corres-